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## Casting About

There was a man fishing down at the river the other day... rather he was fishing in the river... he wasn't content with sitting on the bank... he waded right in... from the side of him... they must have shut off several turbines at the powerhouse... when the tide went up... the fish must have run away when they caught sight of him... at least he didn't catch any... take that back... he did catch one... it was a little smaller than the minnow he was using for bait... he had three bites on his big toe... but he wasn't quick enough... they got away... an eel tried to undo his swimming trunks... but the double knot fooled it... he used a homemade trap for minnows... with an old loaf of bread for bait... he wouldn't let his wife fish... he was afraid she

would catch a bigger... probably true... she caught a big one when she caught him... the other man... was just as big... he had on bifocals... they must have been upside down... he never saw the stopper go down... they looked like they were used to pulling up stoppers... after they scared all the fish away... muddled up the river... and lost three sinkers... they quit... they said they were going looking for bait... they took a net with them... they didn't need that... all they needed was a quarter... for two cans of Maine sardines... I don't think they came back... call up the power company... they can turn the turbines back on the tide is out... shades of Isaac Walton... find me a fat night crawler... back to the river.

## Pool Formally Opened At Northfield Farms

The grand opening of the Community Club No. 4 pool in Northfield Farms will be held on July 25, with free ice cream and punch for all visitors.

The pool, which is to be called the "Gilbert Pool", is located behind the Community Club No. 4, and is the result of spare time work by members of the club.

Large numbers of children have already enjoyed the pool, and as work proceeds on further development, many more will be able to enjoy the fruits of this community project.

## Alliance Women Visit Morgan Memorial Camp

A group of ten women from the Women's Alliance of the Northfield Unitarian Church were entertained on Monday, July 19 at the Morgan Memorial Fresh Air Camp at South Athol.

The ladies received a cordial welcome from Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cook and then the party toured parts of the huge 750 acre camp. In the process of their tour they were able to observe the many youngsters having the time of their young lives at this woodland camp in the little village of South Athol.

They were also given the opportunity to observe the various activities of the programs prepared for the members of the camp.

The Northfield Women's Alliance had a chance to see some of the things they knitted last winter, being worn by the boys and girls.

It is customary for the Morgan Memorial to engineer these "get acquainted parties" from various interested churches and philanthropic groups in New England, three or four times a week. The ends fully justify the means.

Those attending from Northfield were: Mrs. Minnie Kidder, Mrs. Bessie George, Mrs. Fannie Field, Mrs. Gertrude Barr, Mrs. Charles A. Neal, Mrs. Mabelle Harriman, Mrs. Winnie Morgan, Mrs. Gertrude Morgan, Mrs. Leola S. Wood and Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney of East Northfield.

## New Citizens

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bartus of the Farms at the Farren Memorial hospital on Thursday, July 15. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartus of this town.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and grateful appreciation to all our Northfield friends for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy, especially the many lovely floral tributes.

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## Historical Society Open July 25th

The third opening of the Museum of the Northfield Historical Society on Pine street will be Sunday, July 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m., admission free. As special features, Mr. Leon Durnell will exhibit two of his several melodeons, or reed organs, his button collection and some rare bottles. Some three or four persons recently have added more to the Museum's collection. At the last opening the visitors included Mr. John Smith of Hinsdale, N. H., who is an authority on Indian Stones and Flint found from Vernon Dam to West River, and a New York City newspaper writer who sought material on Northfield for its Sunday magazine travelogue. He promised to send a copy when it appears. He gathered information on town history and the museum. The Historical Society wishes more research and data had been preserved on the oldest houses in town, as to dates of erection, owners, anecdotes, builders. The late Mr. Charles Stearns was much interested for his family, father, uncles, and grandfather did much, starting after 1800. The erection in the previous century would interest us. Parson's PURITAN OUTPOST has some records, however to the younger generation, interpretation is needed by our older residents, for houses have a way of changing their owners and occupants, few having the same family name for a century.

Mr. F. Myron Durnell will exhibit his Indian arrowhead collection.

## "Pops" Concert

A benefit concert for Dr. Ida Scudder's hospital in India will be held next Friday, July 30, on the lawn at "Green Pastures" (below the East Northfield Post Office). The concert will begin at 8:30 p. m. with local and summer residents participating. The first half of the program will consist of selections by members of the Louise Andrews Camp. Mrs. Jennie Warrack will give some whistling solos, piano accompaniment by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor.

During the intermission Dr. Edward Fairbank will speak briefly for medical relief work in India. The second half of the concert will be under the direction of Albert Raymond of the Northfield School for Girls. The Northfield summer choir, and members of the cast from "Pinafore" will participate.

There will be no admission charged. Home made cookies and punch will be on sale, and an offering will be taken for medical relief to India.

## Town Topics

A large number of local folks attended the seventh successive revival of the Denman Thompson comedy drama, "The Old Homestead", presented in the historic Potash Bowl at Swansey, N. H.

Prof. and Mrs. Lee Peacock and family from Kansas are sojourning at his father's summer residence on Cliff road, the Ridge. Prof. Peacock will teach at a college in North Carolina the coming school year.

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## Local Scouts Enjoy Camp Chesterfield

As Edgar Livingston, local chairman of the Troop Committee, put it, a stay at Camp Chesterfield is "the highlight of the year's camping for the boys."

Camp Chesterfield, near Northampton, is operated for scouts of Franklin and Hampshire counties, and was attended by 15 scouts from Northfield Troop 9.

Many of the local scouts passed their requirements for second class badges while at camp, and some received badges for general camp work. Northfield boys were included in the Mohawk group which won a number of prizes in competitive events during the week.

Some of the scouts stayed only a week, while others remained two and three weeks.

According to some of the parents who went to Camp Chesterfield on visiting day, the work of the camp was thoroughly supervised and found an abundance of trained counselors overseeing the daily activities of the boys.

All of the boys were full of praise for the excellent food served at the camp, which should be good news to all mothers who might anticipate sending their boys to camp next year.

Scout work in Northfield should receive a boost now that it's year has been brought to a successful conclusion by Camp Chesterfield.

## Chelydra Serpentina Heads for the River

An ancient snapping turtle crossed Highland avenue from Aldrich street, the other day on its annual pilgrimage from the swamp to the river.

The turtle expert of the PRESS was out of town, so the exact age of this specimen of the "Chelydra serpentina" could not be determined.

According to reliable informants, the turtle crosses the river every year, along the same route and at about the same time for at least a dozen years.

The turtle displayed a good deal more speed than is generally attributed to the usual run of turtles and tortoises.

A number of ladies guided the reptile across Highland avenue — the guiding was done from a distance.

Thomas, the Turtle should be on Main street by now.

## Arrive in Japan After Calm Ocean Crossing

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Laselle have received news from their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin that they spent two days in Manila, where Mr. Durgin was scheduled to speak on "The Future of Japan" and were on their way to Shanghai and would arrive in Tokyo on July 24.

The long letter tells of a most interesting and eventful crossing on the S. S. President Wilson. Although this is the smallest ship they have ever crossed the Pacific in, it has all the latest conveniences and is air-conditioned, but since it has no port-holes it is hard to know when to get up in the morning. There are 350 first-class and 250 second-class passengers, and it requires a crew of 300 according to maritime union regulations.

The Durgins had a very calm crossing with glorious sunsets every evening. They wish to extend greetings to all their many Northfield friends.

## Cheshire Kennel Club Has Local Winners

The first Sanction Match of the newly organized Cheshire Kennel Club, Keene, N. H., brought out a large number of exhibitors, showing a total of 107 dogs.

The July 18 show saw local dog fanciers run off with many of the prizes.

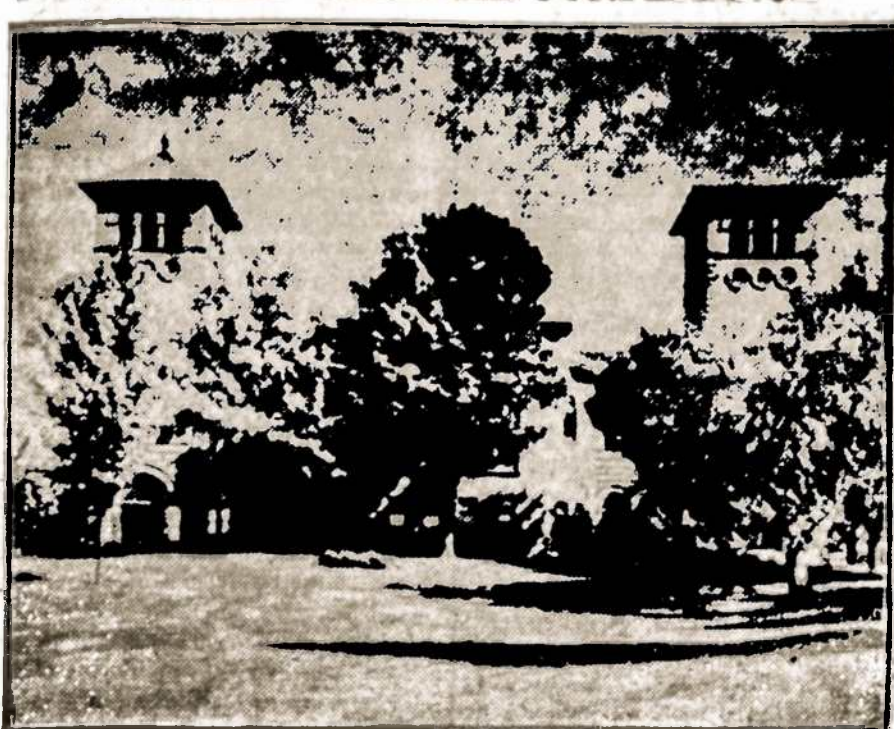
Jessie and Mott Gubse, represented by the "J-Bon-Kim" Kennels had five pups at the show, all cocker spaniels, including "Flashy," "Little Miss Freckles," "Mr. Honeychips," a first prize and best of variety; "Capple," a first prize and best of variety; "Perky," a first prize.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin, of Glen road, showing their two year old Golden Sable Collie, "Glen Duke," won first prize in his class.

"Buttons," a black cocker spaniel, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jacobus, won first prize at the show.

A large audience was present for this first show, exceeding expectations and indicating a prosperous future for the Cheshire Kennel Club.

## 1948 SESSION JULY 31 TO AUGUST 8 NORTHFIELD GENERAL CONFERENCE



EAST NORTHFIELD — The 68-year-old Northfield General Conference will open its 1948 session

## 13 New Voters Placed On Town Voting Rolls

13 new voters were registered by the Board of Registrars at the Town Hall last Tuesday evening.

11 nomination papers were certified for various state and county officers. On this same subject, orders have come from the office of the Secretary of State that greater care must be taken by persons signing nomination papers. Nomination papers must be signed just as you signed when registering. No deviation is permitted, legal signature should always be used. The nomination papers cannot be submitted until they are properly signed.

The next registration period will be held on August 13, from 12 noon until 10 p. m. Despite the good showing that has been made in the

July 31 and will conclude eight days of meetings August 8. Dr. William E. Park, chairman of the conference committee, will preside at the principal meetings and Albert R. Raymond will be in charge of music. The Northfield Singers under his direction will be heard at many of the meetings and will give a special concert Saturday evening, August 8. The list of outstanding speakers will be headed by Headmaster John S. Whale of Mill Hill School, London, the noted British churchman.

Meanwhile the campus will be occupied from July 24 to 31 by the annual United Presbyterian Eastern Summer Conference. The preacher at the Sunday morning service will be Dr. Charles L. Huey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. At this service the conference will be joined by the local congregation and summer residents.

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## AYH Groups Arrive Rainy, Grey Journey

The following reports have been received from our A. Y. H. groups traveling to Europe this year.

The good ship TABINTA hove to at Rotterdam two days off schedule on July 18 — Jim Reynolds reported on the journey:

"We left Quebec in lovely hot sunshine Saturday morning and headed down the St. Lawrence River. The passengers, all students and teachers, were in high spirits, but the next morning the boat began to rock badly and soon the passengers were going down like nine-pins." Dick Schaller appropriately termed the several days of choppy seas, "the days of the GREAT SICK". "Celebrated Fourth of July with an iceberg, 30 degrees Fahrenheit, and five whales sighted off the coast of Labrador."

"But after those two bitter days," writes Muriel Cronin, "activities really boomed. Barbara Davis of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, won the Shipboard Ping Pong tournament, and Emily Banks of Long Island participated in the dramatic offerings of the Tabinta Players. Bill Hanson conducted a bike 'tear down' and assembly demonstration for the A. Y. H. groups. Spirits grew higher and voices louder in song — The 'Marshall Plan in Action' group had to encourage us to leave the dining hall!"

Giles and Hacky Kelly of Williamstown, Massachusetts, leaders of one of the A. Y. H. groups to Southwestern Europe, celebrated their wedding anniversary on board ship, and were surprised with a huge cake. The chief steward and the hostess had their heads together, some where else, too.

Dorothy Plasted's group (which sailed on the KOTA INTERN June 18 from Quebec) wrote from the Luxembourg Youth Hostel: "Only one barrier exists between Americans and Europeans — and that, not insurmountable, is language. We have joined in song and dance and stimulating conversation. This warmth of hand and heart that rebuilds beside the old and broken, should be experienced early in our lives that a new and better day will come."

A recurring sentiment in all the letters indicates that the weather has been consistently bad, rainy, grey and cold.

## D. L. Moody Descendant Married in New York.

A great grand-niece of D. L. Moody, Miss Anne Moody Goodwin, Vassar College, '45, daughter of Mrs. George Munro Goodwin, of 57 East Eighty-eighth street, and the late Dr. Goodwin, was married in New York yesterday afternoon in the Chapel of St. James Episcopal Church to Mr. Malcolm Donald Coe, son of Mrs. Franklin W. Coe, of New Haven, Conn., and the late Mr. Coe. The Rev. James W. Hyde officiated. A reception for the families was held at the Goodwin home.

The Coes will live for a year in Columbia, Mo., where he is attending the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri. He served four years in the Army. The bride was graduated from Brearley School before going to Vassar.

## POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

### A Prayer for Courage

"God make me brave for Life — Oh, braver than this!  
Let me straighten after pain  
As a free straightens after the rain  
Shining and lovely again.

God make me brave for Life —  
Much braver than this!  
As the blown grass lifts, let me rise  
From sorrow, with quiet eyes,  
Knowing thy way is wise.

God make me brave — Life brings  
Dark blinding things!

## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

### The Chime Ringer

To the Editors:

As the man who rings the chimes I feel that I should answer the complaint recently published in the PRESS.

First of all, I think things would be better for Mr. "Not a Sore-Head, but one who needs more sleep" (I wish he had signed his name) if he would look at the matter in a different light. The people who come to these conferences are the people I work for, they pay for the use of the grounds, equipment, etc. They choose the time when they wish to formally close their day and that is when I play the chimes. It seems only fair that the chimes should be played when the people want them. I have to stay up to play them and I have to be at work at 6:00 a. m. every morning.

Try listening to the chimes sometime. Set aside that ten minutes for a short meditation, I think it will be well worth the little sleep you lose.

I would like to thank all those people who have expressed their appreciation of the chimes. I hope they will continue to mean something to you long after the last one has faded away.

Theodore W. Garland

### Conference Workers

The following are employed at the Bookstore: Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Mrs. Edna Roberts, Miss Doris Doolittle, and Miss Jean McEwan; bookroom, Stone Hall, Miss Blanche Ellithorpe, Mrs. Horace Wright; tea tent, Miss Barbara Bolton, Miss Eleanor Severance, Miss Leona White, and Miss Carol Gillespie.

Local girls and boys who are singing in the conference choir are Joan Williams, Richard Reeves, David Powell, Robert Royer, and Paul Rikert.

Those who are employed at the Northfield conference at the Northfield School for Girls are Joan Williams, Julia Huber, Alice Zebert, Mary Ann Erickson of Mt. Hermon, Emily Kirk, Betty Franz, Ann Berland, Barbara Griswold, Mrs. Rachel Erickson, Mrs. Max Huber, Mrs. Vessie Savchen, Mrs. Della Barrett, Mrs. May Langhear, Mrs. Jervis Burdick, Edward Benney, Watson Black, Jervis Burdick of Mt. Hermon, Richard Erickson of Mt. Hermon, Carl Frankenberg, Kenneth Franz, Keith Jacobus, John Jurkowski, Edgar Moore, Lynn Partridge, Judson Stent of Mt. Hermon, and Edwin and Robert White of Mt. Hermon.

### In The Churches

#### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
Sunday, July 25,  
11:00 a. m., Worship with the United Presbyterian Conference on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls. Dr. Charles L. Hussey, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, will preach.

The Guild of the Trinitarian Church will sponsor a fair and lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Daly on Friday, August 6, at 3 p. m. This project is for the benefit of the New Church Building Fund. Donations of food, fancy work, vegetables and fruits, both fresh and canned, may be left at the Daily Home on Highland avenue.

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Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor  
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor  
Sunday, July 25,  
10:30 a. m., Sunday morning service. Sermon: "The Guidance of The Holy Spirit."  
11:20 a. m., Sunday School.

## COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield  
NUMBER TWENTY-THREE IN THE SERIES  
Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

Although Northfield was incorporated as a town in 1782, 56 years ago, because it was able to handle its own prudentials rather than having the Northampton Committee appointed by the Colony to oversee and be responsible for Northfield, approve its decisions, it was during war times and had to seek assistance for defense from the government. This war was from 1722 to 1726 and named after a French Priest, Father Rasle, or Ralle.

As for this Connecticut Valley, the general fear was due to an Indian, Grey-lock, formerly of Westfield region, but now located north of Lake Champlain, near the St. Francis Tribe that had been the tool of the French in attacking our valley, especially Deerfield in 1704. Grey-lock with small groups of Indians was continually hiding outside the settlements and observing their situation, now and then killing, scalping, capturing or wounding a few settlers.

August 23, 1723 at Northfield, two of its prominent men, Thomas Holton and Theophilus Merriman, were killed and soon others to the north attached. Thereupon Governor Dummer ordered Col. Partridge and others in turn to protect Northfield, Deerfield, Sunderland and Brookfield with about 15 men. Col. Schuyler of Albany warned Massachusetts in October that Governor Vaudreuil of Canada had sent out Grey-lock and 50 armed Indians. October 3, Ebenezer Severance was killed, Heskiah Stratton, Sr., (ancestor of D. L. Moody and Dr. Stratton, whose one-house shanty is at the Museum) and Enoch Hall were wounded, and Samuel Dickinson captured, all Northfield men. Dickinson, as a boy had been captured at Hatfield and rescued.

Without protection from Indian attacks, harvesting would have been too hazardous. The troops were paid ten shillings a week, allowed 5 shillings more for rations, but had to provide their own arms, ammunition and clothes. For use of horses 2 shillings 6 pence a week was the allowance and as much again for their feed. When on guard, or scouting duty, the men were treated to a gill of rum daily.

(To be continued)

### Vacation School Has Record Registration

Under the direction of Miss Edith Walker, the Massachusetts Council of Churches and the Connecticut Council of Churches are conducting a combined Vacation Church School for children and an Observation Practice Study course for 66 of the 450 teachers attending the 44th annual Northfield Conference of Religious Education.

The Trinitarian Congregational Church has been made available for the school, with class rooms being set up throughout the church. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves has been assisting in arrangements and Miss Walker expressed her gratitude for the assistance.

More than 120 children are attending the school this year, with ages ranging from 3 to 15, and classes including Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Junior High.

The school, in its fourth year in Northfield, has a larger enrollment this year than any previous year. According to Miss Walker this has taxed all available facilities.

The students are drawn from three major sources, local children, children of summer residents and children of campus families. Some students have been coming to the school from the Salvation Army's Young People's Camp. All of New England states are represented among the teachers, with one of them coming from Toronto, Canada.

The theme for this year's study is "China" as chosen by the Missionary Education Movement, which is composed of 27 denominations.

On display throughout the various classrooms of the school are sketches, paintings and other completed projects — all made by the students, and reflecting the Chinese influence. The visual education periods have provided the youngsters with motion pictures of China. Some of the pupils have made their own slides, which have been shown to the other members of the school. Generally the course of study has included, worship, Bible study, nature trips, crafts, and recreation.

For some of the very young this school has afforded the very first opportunity they have had to see ducks in a pond. They have been intrigued no end by being able to see them paddle about in the clear water of the pool.

This "school within a school" also affords an opportunity for the teachers themselves to study and observe teaching methods, which they can apply when they return to their home churches. Many of the teachers receive their instructions during one period and are able to apply them immediately in teaching the children of the school.

Dean of the Northfield Conference of Religious Education, Rev. Carl A. Hansen, of Hartford, and an Associate in Religious Education of the Congregational Christian Churches in Connecticut, is in charge of the school. Rev. John Edward Thomas, of Boston, Director of Religious Education for the Massachusetts Council of Churches is assisting Rev. Hansen, during the conference. The Vacation Church School is directly under the supervision of Miss Edith Walker, who is Assistant Secretary of the Connecticut Council of Churches.

Assisting Miss Walker in the five major divisions of the school are, Mrs. John Edward Thomas, of Hockinson; Miss Genevieve Thompson, of Northfield; Miss Welker; Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Fred Bokton, and Mrs. Manuel Lopez.

An offering taken last Wednesday will be forwarded to the "Experimental Nursery School" of the Nanking Theological School, in Nanking, China, and the Thursday night offering is being used to provide additional nursery and kindergarten facilities for the Congregational Church here in Northfield.

### Town Topics

The booklet of the Rustic Ridge Association written by Rev. Dr. Robert Bonner Jack is for sale at the Bookstore and also at the Bookroom in Stone Hall. To know the story of the Ridge the booklet should be purchased and read.

A large sign "Entrance to Rustic Ridge" has been placed on North lane just east of Birnam road by the Assn. Directory Committee. It is painted in black with letters of gold leaf and is attractive. The sign first used nearly ten years ago was recently found after having been stored in a building on the Ridge.

Camp Anderson for girls will be held July 27 to August 24 and Mrs. Ralph C. Williams, of Amherst, will be in charge. The camp will be at Shutesbury and directed by a very competent staff. Several Northfield girls are enrolled.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Campbell of Devon, Conn., will occupy the cottage of Miss Ethel Wooster the first two weeks in August. Mr. Campbell is pastor of the Congregational Church of Devon. Miss Wooster and a friend, Miss Lucy Curdiss of Bridgeport will occupy during the General Conference.

Several residents of this town expect to visit Castleton, Vt., on Wednesday, August 4, when Colonial day will be observed by the Woman's Club there. Many of the old houses and homes will be open for visitation.

Merman G. McMillan and family of Garden City, N. Y., were in town last week enroute to their farm at Halifax, Vt., for the summer vacation. His mother who had been visiting them returned to Northfield with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Manning and daughter Penny, of New London, Conn., are at the Allen Cottage in Mountain Park for the summer. Mr. Manning's sister, Mrs. John A. Herr of Hamden, Conn., is with them for a few days.

Rev. Loring B. Chase has sold to Miss Elele Scott a portion of land in the Highlands adjoining her summer home on Fern Cliff avenue.

Mrs. Herman Stephens of Sprague, Washington, is occupying the former summer home of Miss Edith Babbitt in Pine Grove which was bequeathed to her by Miss Babbitt who died May 31.

The Orange Historical Society will hold an Antique Sale and show at the Orange Town Hall on August 10, 11 and 12. There will be many exhibits and displays by antique dealers. Considerable interest has been shown by Northfield friends.

The Thompson house on West Lane, Rustic Ridge, now owned by Rev. Parker Holloway will be occupied during the month of August by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Crawford with their family from Meadville, Pa. Dr. Crawford is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Poling and family of Springfield were guests last week end of Mr. and Mrs.

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## Obituaries

CHARLES K. OBER

Charles K. Ober of White Plains, N. Y., and a summer resident of Northfield since the days of Dwight L. Moody, passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 13 at the age of 81 years.

He was a retired official of the Young Men's Christian Association and had been very active in its various endeavors. Early in life he participated in the work of various conferences here, particularly with the work among young men. He is credited with influencing John R. Mott to engage in Christian work as well as many others.

Mr. Ober had the confidence of Christian men and gave his support to all laymen's movements of the church. He served as an assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in New York City, and in various other capacities and during World War I was over seas in France and England as a special representative.

He was an author and writer and published several religious books. He was retired by the Y. M. C. A. in 1922. He was a graduate of Williams College and received an honorary Master of Arts degree in later years.

His summer home in Northfield was called "Ober's Lookout" because, from its lofty location it presents the most interesting and beautiful view about this vicinity, and was so considered by Mr. Moody.

Mr. Ober is survived by a daughter, Miss Marion K. Ober and a son, Carleton K. Ober, both of White Plains, a brother, Frank W. Ober of Kennebunkport, Maine and a sister, Mrs. John B. Fay of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Ober was born in Beverly, Mass.

The funeral services were held the following Thursday.

MRS. ANNA JACOBS

Mrs. Anna Jacobs, 87, died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Crozier.

She was born in Germany on Sept. 23, 1860, and had lived in this country many years. She moved to this place 12 years ago.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. George Newton and Mrs. George Felix of Greenfield; also two sons, Frank and Fred, of Greenfield, 19 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. from the C. E. McCarthy funeral home in Turners Falls, with Rev. Frederick Dixon officiating, and burial was in the Northfield Farm Cemetery.

FRANK BRASSOR

Frank Brassor, 88, of the Old County road, West Northfield, died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Lysak of 153 L street, Turners Falls, after a long illness. He was a veteran of the Spanish War and a member of the organization in Greenfield.

He was born in Brandon, Vt., and married the former Nellie Bassett of Northfield, who died several years ago. The couple had 14 children, 12 of them now living.

## Two Drinks Daily Tamed

'Alcohol in Moderation'

A moderate drinker takes two cocktails or highballs a day, states a consultant of American Medical Association in answer to a query.

His reply says that "for the average, so-called healthy adult, on a good diet, two cocktails or highballs a day would be considered by most informed people as 'taking alcohol in moderation,' particularly if not taken on an empty stomach before the morning breakfast, and if taken shortly before, during or shortly after the evening meal. But taken under identical conditions and rate, this quantity of alcohol would produce much higher blood alcohol in a person weighing 160 pounds than in a person weighing 200 pounds."

The late Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins medical school reported that moderate drinkers live as long as do total abstainers. On the other hand, heavy or so-called excessive drinkers shorten their life span, evidently through the action of alcohol.

In regard to the immediate and temporary action of alcohol (the degree of inebriety) there are considerable individual variations in tolerance. But it is not yet known whether persons having low tolerance suffer chronic injury more readily. All that can be said at present is that the average normal adult possible chronic injuries from the amounts of alcohol mentioned clearly have not yet been proved or factors in the organ potentials, from the inevitable effects of disease, from accidents, from the strain of living and from the aging processes."

## Concrete Wall Utilized

To Enclose Cyclotron

A five-foot wall of concrete has been erected around the giant 4,000-ton cyclotron at University of California as a result of experiments to determine the most effective shielding against the radiation created by the machine's new high energy bombardments.

The research, done under the auspices of the atomic energy commission, was reported by Dr. B. J. Moyer of University of California. He said that as the intensity of the beam produced by the cyclotron is increased the thickness of concrete will be expanded to eight feet and, eventually, to 10 feet.

He said that a number of elements were tested in addition to concrete. Water, paraffin, graphite, aluminum and lead were all less effective than concrete. Copper was more effective, but would be impractical because of the expense.

The concrete wall protects personnel from the 100-million volt electron beam produced in 200-million electron-volt deuterium ion, 12 of them now living.

Survivors include his sons, Theodore, Raymond, Robert, Henry, and Edmund, and the daughters, Anne, Edna, Doris, Florence, Marion, Esther and Nellie.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 8:30 a. m., from the McCarthy funeral home in Turners Falls at 9 from St. Mary's in Northfield and burial was in West Northfield cemetery.

## Pencilite For Teeth

Brushing your teeth with a tooth powder containing pencilite may make you less likely to have cavities or dental caries, according to experiments conducted at Western Reserve University.

That is the promising report of two doctors who used 200 human guinea pigs to study the use of pencilite as a weapon against tooth decay. In the experiment, 101 boys brushed their teeth for five months with a powder containing pencilite. At the end of the period, the doctors made counts of the number of adipsophilic bacilli in the boys' mouths. This bacillus forms the acid which causes tooth decay.

Of the boys who had used pencilite in their tooth powder, 95 per cent had a lower bacillus count, while only 4 per cent had an increased count. Among the boys who had not had the pencilite powder, 43 per cent had fewer bacilli and 20 per cent had a higher count.

## From Oak to Mahogany

If it is desired to change an oak finish to mahogany, remove the old finish with paint remover and then remove any traces of wax that may have been left by the remover or other residue, by thoroughly wiping the surface with mineral spirits or benzene, being careful to keep the work away from fire or flame. Then stain with mahogany stain to the desired depth of color. When the stain is thoroughly dry, thin paste wood filler, obtainable from any paint dealer, with turpentine to the consistency of thick cream, and brush it on freely, brushing with the grain of the wood. After the shine has disappeared, rub thoroughly with a coarse cloth or excelsior to remove any surplus filler. The surface then should be well rubbed down with fine sandpaper and thoroughly cleaned of dust.

## Farmers Urged to Pay Cash for Machinery

In many cases it will be good business for farmers to spend more money for labor-saving machinery. Many farmers are now in position to pay cash for machinery. By paying cash, they avoid the risks of having to pay this year's debts out of next year's income. They know that debt payments, which seem reasonable at present incomes, could be too heavy if income fell off sharply.

With increased shortage in labor and the high cost of labor, many farmers will find it profitable to gear their purchases of machinery toward those that offer the most in labor saving.

## Home Refrigerators Supplement Lockers

The idea of supplementing central locker plant service with home-type refrigerators that include compartments for freezing and for storing frozen foods is one that appeals to farmers who are equipped with elec-

## 3rd Annual Legion Ball At Town Hall July 29

The Third Annual Mid-summer Ball, sponsored by the Haven H. Spencer Post, will be held at the town hall on Thursday, July 29, from 8 to 1.

A long time favorite of Northfield, Dick Perry and his orchestra, will furnish the music for the ball again this year.

Free refreshments will be served during the evening.

Tickets will be available at The Litch String, the A. P. Pitt Insurance Agency office, and in other places throughout the town, and from members of the Haven H. Spencer post.

## Church Bazaar

A new committee has been added to last week's list for the Church Bazaar to be held on the J. Austin Daily lawn, August 6, at 3 p. m. Mrs. Emily Carson and Louis M. Potts will have charge of posters.

In addition to the booths, tables, and special events there will be an artist to sketch portraits of those who wish to see themselves as others see them.

The parish women who plan to contribute canned fruits, vegetables, jellies, or pickles should leave them at the Daily home.

Don't forget to give your cake boxes, paper bags, string, etc., to committee members for use at the Bazaar.

## Garden Club Meets

The Northfield Garden Club will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Mildred Nims. A picnic supper will be served on the lawn, 6:30 p. m., August 2.

Members have been asked to bring a potted plant or a floral design, these will be shown during an informal exhibition during the evening.

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## VFW Post Plans For New Home Location

The Northfield Post 3074 VFW recently appointed several committees to begin preliminary planning on the acquisition and construction of their new home.

The Home Fund Committee consisting of: Ed Hurley, Mike Morgan, Stanley Johnson, Leon Manowski, Ed Luciw, Mott Guhae, H. Keith Jacobus, M. P. Farcole, Unto Hantunen, and Mark Wright.

The Housing Project Committee consisting of: Stanley Johnson, chairman; Roy Fish, James Callaghan, M. P. Farcole, H. K. Jacobus, Robert Thompson, and Daniel O'Keefe.

An inspection of the proposed site has been made, and according to the committee report the proposed location suits the needs of the post.

## Insurance Information

According to information received by Walter V. Robinson, Insurance officer for the Boston Veterans Administration Regional Office V. A. Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., has stated that July 31, 1948 is the last day for veterans to reinstate lapsed National Service Life Insurance on a comparative health basis.

Before August 1 an eligible veteran may reinstate any amount of term insurance, from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500, regardless of the length of time it has been lapsed, and usually without a physical examination. He need only fill out a simple application form, in which he certifies that his health is as good as when the policy lapsed, and pay premiums for two months. The privilege of reinstating on this basis will be available after July 31 only to veterans whose policies have been lapsed for less than three months. Where the period of lapse is three months or longer, the veteran will be required to take a physical examination and qualify as an insurance risk.

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## STRAW HAT CIRCUIT

### Brattleboro Theatre

The Brattleboro Summer Theatre will present the ever popular comedy by Lynn Sterling, "Meet The Wife" for one week beginning July 26, at 8:30.

Starring will be two stage and screen favorites of long standing, Lois Wilson and Eddie Nugent.

The Brattleboro Theatre got off to a flying start. "Meet the Wife" should continue to attract the customers and keep this season of comedy in full flight.

Keene Summer Theatre, Keene, N. H., — Tuesday through Saturday, July 27 - 31, LIFE WITH FATHER, with Darrell Larsen and Harriett Argenbright.

### Town Topics

Mrs. Robert L. Carr, with her daughter, Beverly, and her mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Olsen left Northfield last Friday to return to their home in Honolulu. They are traveling via El Paso, Texas to spend a few days with Mrs. Olsen's sister, Mrs. Carr and Beverly, plan to make their home with Mrs. Olsen in Honolulu, where she has brothers and sisters and many other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson from Durham, N. C., with their family visited last week at his mother's home, Mrs. Richard A. Watson on Winchester road. His sister, Miss Elsie Watson has arrived from Detroit to spend the summer here.

Death came to Earl L. Deming of Windsor Locks, Conn., last week. He was a brother of Grove W. Deming of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Deming were at the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pierson, of Athol, Mass., have announced the coming marriage of their daughter Jean Lorraine, to George E. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Marshall, on August 8, 1948.

Mrs. A. Gordon Kent and two daughters were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grove W. Deming last week at their home on Highland avenue.

The chimes of Sage Chapel have again been played this season by Theodore Garland, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. Garland of Boston. Mr. Garland is a student at Heidelberg University. His playing of the chimes is excellent and their music is much appreciated by the many hundreds of conference delegates.

The special train over the New Haven and Boston and Maine railroads which leaves New York every Friday afternoon for its four hour run to East Northfield stopping only to take on passengers at New Haven and Hartford for points north will now stop at Greenfield owing to a persistent lament from that community.

Mrs. Alfred J. Suttle of Madison, N. J., is visiting her aunt here, Miss Ethel Lawrence and Mrs. William F. Hoehn, at their home in Mountain Park. Mrs. Suttle is connected with the Madison public schools.

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### Farm Topics

#### Slight Danger Noted In DDT Dusted Corn

#### Tests of Silage Show Minute Trace in Milk

Farmers are being told to use DDT dust or spray for control of European corn borer. This raises a question. Can corn dusted or sprayed with DDT be used for silage for beef or dairy cattle without danger to the animals, or to people who use the milk?

Tests in Wisconsin showed there was a trace of DDT in the milk of dairy cows fed silage made from canning factory pea vines which had



been dusted with DDT. The amount of DDT was so minute, however, that it was not considered dangerous.

On corn, an application of 30 pounds of dust (containing 5 per cent DDT) per acre might amount to two ounces of DDT per ton of silage; that is, if all the dust stayed on the corn, which is extremely unlikely. Even that much would result in only about a gram of DDT daily in the ration of a cow or steer.

DDT toxicity studies at a private research farm indicate no danger to animals from considerably larger amounts. Even so, if any farmer fears a trace of DDT in milk from silage made from sprayed or dusted corn, he can feed the silage to steers, hogs or dry cows.

### Twice-Day Record



With a record-smashing total of 1,118.8 pounds of butterfat, Crestview Tallila Susan, purebred Holstein dairy cow owned by Lakefield Farms, Clarkston, Mich., has established a new all-time U. S. butterfat figure for cows being milked twice daily. "Susan" produced close to 1,400 pounds of table butter during the year.

### Herds and Flocks

Fall pigs have advantages over spring litters because they are farrowed under more favorable conditions. Sows and gilts have been, on summer pasture soaking up sunshine during pregnancy. Iowa State college swine specialists say fall pigs usually come stronger and more pigs are saved.

Turkey raisers are being advised now not to put baking soda or salt in drinking water for poult, because use of these in excessive amounts causes a condition known as "water belly."

Burn the carcass of every animal that dies of anthrax. Don't open the carcass. Soak it with kerosene, cover it with a load of cobs or straw, put a load of manure over them and set fire to the pile. If possible, burn anthrax carcasses right where the animal dies.

Castrate pigs any time after they are a week old. After castration, keep them on clean grass pasture where there are no mudholes, to reduce danger of lockjaw infection.

### Caution Urged In Feeding Salt to Poultry Flock

Extra salt will control cannibalism for a short time after it is added to the ration of chickens, according to Pennsylvania State college. Usual amount is two teaspoons per gallon of drinking water. Salt should be fed only long enough to stop cannibalizing, except the small amount contained in the mash. Feeding large quantities actually may prove harmful.

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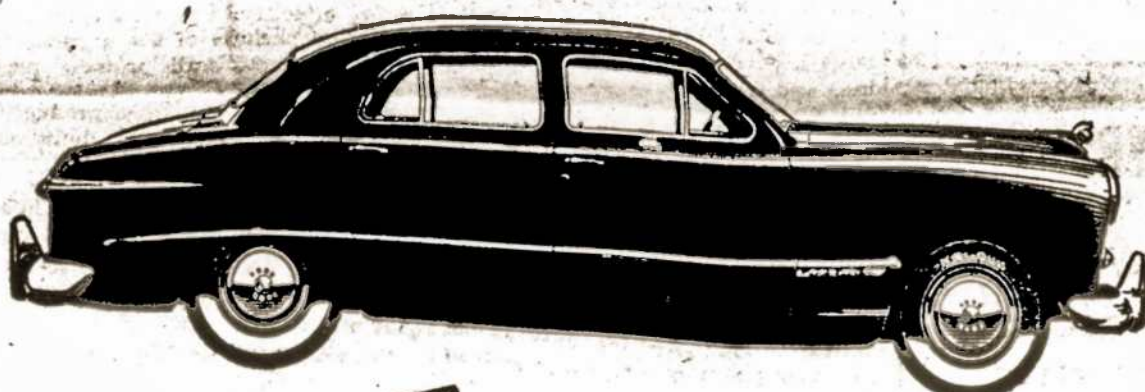
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